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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF AMNESTY

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1. THE NATIONALIST DAILY UNO MAS UNO COVERED THE DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTED REF A IN ITS 25 AUG EDITION. THE PAPER REPORTED THAT SOME 3,000 PEOPLE FROM INDEPENDENT UNIONS AND POLITICAL PARTIES MARCHED TO DEMAND UNCONDITIONAL FREEDOM FOR JAILED UNION LEADERS AND POLITICAL PRISONERS IN MEXICO. THE DEMONSTRATORS REPORTEDLY CONSISTED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY, WORKERS FROM THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, THE SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTE, THE UNIVERSITY UNION AND THE MARXIST WORKERS LEAGUE OF NACAZARI. (SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THE GOVERNMENT FORCIBLY BROKE STRIKES AT THE GENERAL HOSPITAL IN MEXICO CITY AND THE MINE AT NACAZARI, SONORA.)

2. THE MARCH WAS LED BY MRS. ROSARIO IBARRA DE PIEDRA, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND POLITICAL PRISONERS. SHE TOLD THE PAPER THAT THERE WERE 600 POLITICAL PRISONERS

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IN MEXICO, 367 DISAPPEARED PERSONS AND 56 POLITICAL EXILES. THE COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED AN ACCOUNTING OF THE 367 DISAPPEARED PERSONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT BY THE END OF AUGUST. SHE ANNOUNCED THAT 500 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL STAGE A HUNGER STRIKE DURING THE FIRST 10 DAYS OF SEPTEMBER, IF THE GOM DOES NOT PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE. (POLICE FORCES BROKE UP A HUNGER STRIKE SIT-IN AT THE UN

OFFICE BUILDING HERE TWO WEEKS AGO. THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE ACTING IN SUPPORT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN OAXACA. THE POLICE ACTION WAS BARELY NOTED BY THE PRESS.)

3. COMMENT: THE DEMONSTRATION ON AUGUST 24 IS PART OF A CAMPAIGN FOR GENERAL AMNESTY INITIATED BY THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND POLITICAL PRISONERS AND SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL LEFTIST PARTIES. THE CAMPAIGN HAS GAINED THE SUPPORT OF MEMBERS OF INDEPENDENT UNIONS WHO HAVE STAGED STRIKES THAT HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY BROKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE PRESIDENT MAY ANNOUNCE AN AMNESTY PLAN IN HIS SEPT 1 "INFORME", BUT ITS TERMS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE BROAD ENOUGH TO SATISFY ALL DISSIDENTS. MCANINCH

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